CHRONOLOGY OF STATE VISIBILITY REDUCING PARTICLES DESIGNATIONS

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AIR BASIN / YEAR	1989*	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
GREAT BASIN VALLEYS	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U
LAKE COUNTY	U	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
LAKE TAHOE	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U
MOJAVE DESERT	(New air basin created in 1996)							U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U
MOUNTAIN COUNTIES	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U
NORTH CENTRAL COAST	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U
NORTH COAST	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U
NORTHEAST PLATEAU	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U
SACRAMENTO VALLEY	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U
SALTON SEA	(New air basin created in 1996)							U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U
SAN DIEGO	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U
SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U
SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U
SOUTH CENTRAL COAST	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U
SOUTH COAST	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U
SOUTHEAST DESERT**	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	(Air basin subdivided in 1996)								

Designation Categories:

A = Attainment
N = Nonattainment
T = Nonattainment-Transitional
U = Unclassified

* Reflects the year in which the area designation was made, based on data from the previous three-year period.

** The Southeast Desert Air Basin was subdivided into the Mojave Desert and Salton Sea air basins in 1996.

The State standard for visibility reducing particles (VRP) for all areas but the Lake Tahoe Air Basin is an 8-hour average expressed as an extinction coefficient of 0.23 per kilometer due to particles when relative humidity is less than 70 percent (this is nominally equal to a visibility of 10 miles or more). The State VRP standard for the Lake Tahoe Air Basin only is an 8-hour average extinction coefficient of 0.07 per kilometer due to particles when relative humidity is less than 70 percent (this is nominally equal to a visibility of 30 miles or more). The VRP standard is not to be exceeded. Method: Beta Attenuation and Transmittance through Filter Tape.